

NEWS OF HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Gray Horses, Once Plentiful Among Thoroughbreds, Are Now Seldom Seen.

GOOD AND PLENTY AND HYLAS

At Historic Castle Hill, Home of Arnon, Son of Charaxus and Wayward, by Eolus.

Considering the paucity of gray horses in the thoroughbred and the higher class harness ranks of this country, it is interesting to note a class specially for grays at the International Horse Show in London. There was a time when it was a proven fact that day or night no one could cross London Bridge without meeting a gray horse. I crossed it at all hours for three years and always met the gray horse. One reason was the tremendous number of grays employed by the London Omnibus Company and by the owners of the great barriers for freight. It was generally believed—on statistics—that gray horses were much more stout and healthy than any other color. The grays came originally from Cappadocia and Persia, which stock is still found in the magnificent heavy cavalry of the Russians. The grays went for weddings, as the magnificent black Andalusians went for funerals. Yorkshire is the strong gray section of England; the "Tykes" breed to color extensively. Gray Orville—rent his glorious memory—was foaled in the famous West Riding of Yorkshire. He won the great St. Leger, sired Emilias, Dyer, Muley and others. Look back through the pedigree of our famous American cracks, Hastings, etc., and find these names. Browns come from the East Riding, with white locks at the tail, the sign manual of West. In the third, fourth and fifth generations. Nothing in hereditarily? Oh, no! Doncaster gives the blacks from the famous Smolensko, and in South Yorkshire reign the chestnuts, representing that magnificent horse, Comus, side by side with the rich browns of Tinker, by Tramp, out of Madam—there's nomenclature to beat "Come On Sam," etc. Breeding to "original" color was held in Persia, Russia and later in England, from the birth of the Pyramids to the end of the sixteenth century, when breeding of type, speed, etc., came in and the old "color" scheme faded, changed and developed into the present bay, chestnut and brown, leaving scarcely a trace of the primary black and white.—Exchange.

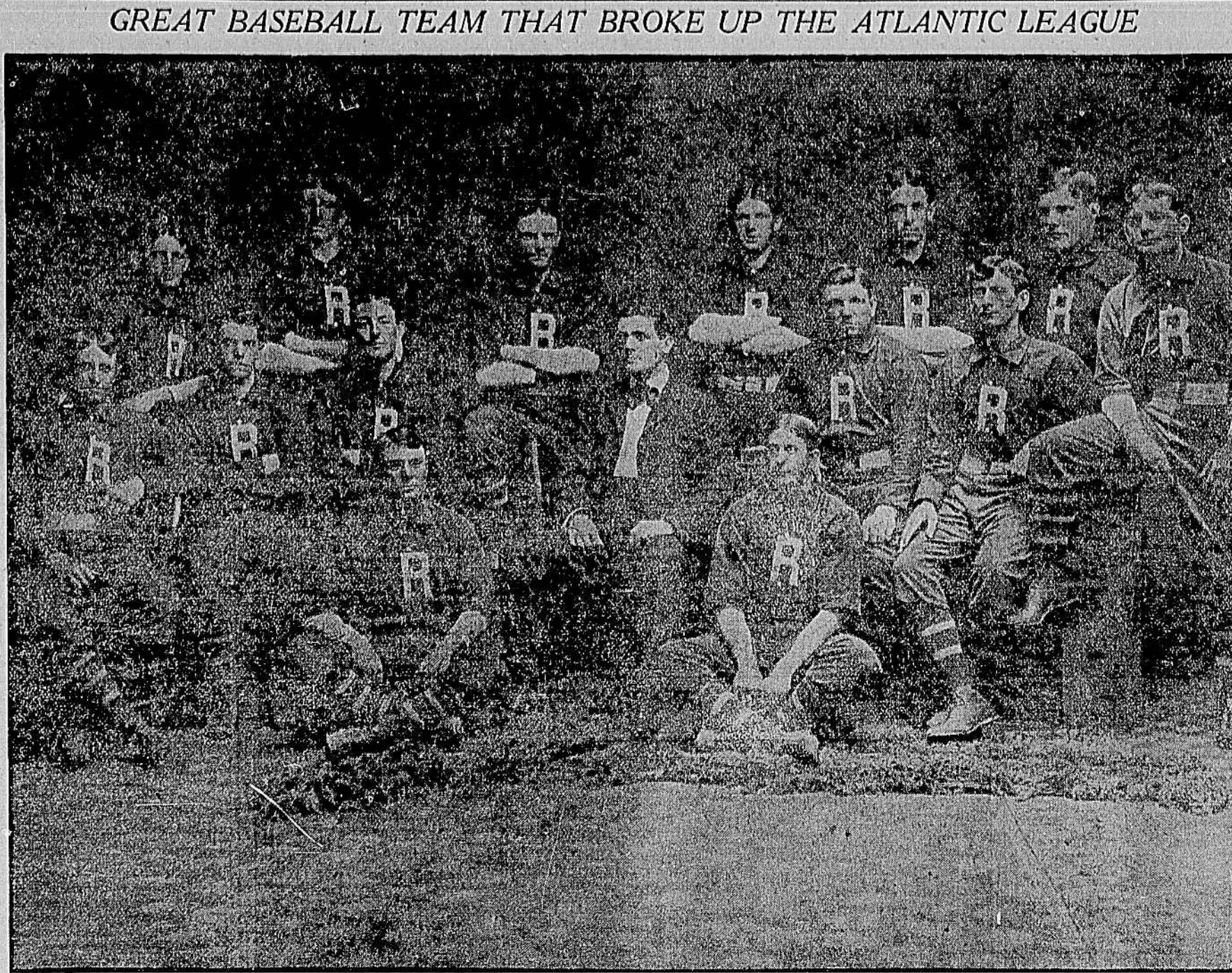
Seeing that steeplechasing is now on the top wave of favor among Virginians, it is pleasing among residents of the Old Dominion to note that Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., will name his good horses Good and Plenty and Hylas in the Whitney Memorial Steeplechase for 1907. Both of these well-known chasers were wintered by Hylas Gartin, who owned them at his big stable near Charlottesville, Va., and then shipped to Washington, where these unsexed sons of Meddler and Rosamond were turned over to Mr. Hitchcock's trainer, Good and Plenty is now seven years old, and during his steeplechase career the son of Rosamond has lost only one race, but was just a yearling when he won the season's best serious doubt was felt each spring as to whether the bay gelding would stand training, as he would show up very lame after a light exercise, but now he seems to be in better shape than at any time since his yearling form. Hylas looks about as well as Good and Plenty, and these geldings will keep their legs likely to make a great pair this season.

Among the visitors here during the past week was Samuel Walton, the well-known horse fancier and breeder, and owner of the big Walnut Stock Farms of Falls Mills, Va. Mr. Walton had just closed a season's contract amounting to \$100,000, an evidence of his business responsibilities, yet this representative Virginia breeder looks and acts the part of a man at ease with the world, and even the weight of sixty years rests lightly upon his shoulders. Mr. Walton was in the city looking after the interests of the newly formed Virginia Fair Association, of which he is president, and includes Galax, Radford, Tazewell, Roanoke, Lynchburg and Richmond, and his mission was fraught with very pleasing results. Mr. Walton was consulted with the Hon. Henry C. Stuart, president of the Virginia State Fair Association, and was assured of the co-operation and support of the latter organization. The fair, it may be added, that Mr. Walton took up a pleasant banter of Mr. Stuart's and subscribed to a block of stock in the Virginia Fair Association.

To the sires in use at the historic and beautiful Castle Hill Farm, near Cobham, in Albemarle county, which already included Arnon, thoroughbred son of Charaxus and Wayward, by Eolus; King Edgar, the German conciler, and the big imported Percheron, Gigolo, has been added by purchase from Frank Jones, Nebraska, the massive Percheron, imp. Tracala, a black horse, six years old, with extreme action, and weighing 2,400 pounds. This fine, big European product figured as a champion of champions and sweepstakes winner at all breeds of drafters at the Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska State fairs of 1906. The show horses at Castle Hill are all doing nicely, among them being a clever lot of three-year-old jumpers by Arnon and a charming young saddle-horse in Prince Clearing, the son of Montrose Squirrel, from a thoroughbred mare, who will be taken to the Virginia show this season.

Irving J. Coffin, secretary and treasurer of the M. Kelly Horse and Mule Company, of this city, has leased from Colonel W. H. Chapman the large and handsome brown stallion Wealth, record 2:10, by Gambetta Wilkes, out of Magnolia, by Norfolk, for use in the stud at Stoneridge Stock Farm, near Richmond. Wealth is very much faster than his record indicates, as he has shown two-minute speed in his work, while his get have nice size and good looks. The son of Gambetta Wilkes made his record as a pacer, but now he seems to prefer the trot, and later he may be shaped up and started in some races at the diagonal gait.

Quorum, who now rules as premier sire at Boswell Farm, Fredericksburg, Va., is well liked by breeders, and some of the best mares in all that section are being sent to the court of the fine big thoroughbred son of Dr. McBryde and Quenal, daughter of



The players represented above are: Top row—Chesbro, Bishop, Dundon, Calhoun, Steelman, Shannon, Hess. Second row—Dolan, Flaherty, Donovan, Wells, Seybold, Pfannmiller. Bottom row—Hargrove, Wrigley. (Picture loaned by Mr. L. C. Gisselbrecht.)

"In my opinion," said President Jake Wells, "this is the strongest minor league club ever got together. This fact was established when the club in 1899 played such great ball that it broke up the Atlantic League. We had already won the championship in 1898, and had it clinched the following year. Toward the latter part of the season we had to sell out to Syracuse, of the Eastern League, and the club was transferred to that city. Of course, in the sale the Richmond people interested got something out of the deal.

"Take the big men in the list—Chesbro, Donovan, Seybold, Shannon. They are now in big league company, and Wrigley, who was field captain; Steelman, Dolan and Calhoun, are in some of the strongest of minor leagues. "Steelman started in with us as a wonder. We picked him up from Camden. We had an off-day and were to play with Atlantic City, after winning a series from the Philadelphia Athletics, and were shy a man. Hess was sick, and some one in the party present when we were deplored our fate mentioned Steelman. He said he

had been playing great ball around Philadelphia, and we took him in. His work was gilt-edged, and before we had had him two months, Brooklyn was after him. They finally got him by draft, and he made good with the Brooklynites until he hurt his leg. "Wrigley was one of the fastest shortstops in minor league, and I can't see why he isn't in bigger company now. "Wild Bill" Donovan also went to Brooklyn, and went out. Then he was sold to Detroit, where he is now playing. "Wild Bill" was given the name in Richmond by the newspaper men, because he had the habit of pitch-

ing a perfect game, and then throwing a few balls over the grandstand or in the bleachers. He soon learned to control the ball, but the name stuck to him. "Beauty" Bishop was with us for the season, and went to some of the high-class minors. "The other prominent players are well known, and have been mentioned before in this series. Seybold is with Philadelphia, Dundon with Chicago, Donovan with Detroit, Shannon with the New York Nationals, and Chesbro is 'rasting.' "I consider the team the strongest ever in Richmond as a whole, and

that means that it was probably the strongest in the country in its class. The pitchers were Chesbro, Bishop, Flaherty, Pfannmiller and Donovan. Hess and Steelman were the catchers; Calhoun was at first, and he was one of the best, with a great hitting eye; Dolan played second; Wrigley, short, and Dundon, third-base. The outfield was the same as the year before—Seybold, Hargrove and Shannon." The next group will represent the old champions of the State League, when Tammhill, Berte, Pender and the bunch were the kings of the Southern diamond.

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THE CARTER HANDICAP IS A BIG GAMBLE; A SCORE OF FIRST-RATE CRACKS WILL START

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—In just about a week's time—or to be exact, on Monday, April 15—will be run and won the first real big race of the metropolitan turf season of 1907. At Aqueduct, L. I., the home course of the Queens County Jockey Club, on that date, there will be contested the seventh Carter Handicap, 3-year-olds, met at seven furlongs. This year's renewal is worth \$10,000, guaranteed, which by the way, makes this first of the season's handicaps quite a pretentious affair. The big race, however, is the one of the biggest stakes in training. Already the racing folk here on the scene of turf activity at Benning, are commencing to canvass the field of probable starters with the idea of picking out a winner. In fact, from now on, the big thing in a racing way here in the East, will be the Carter Handicap. After a winter's layoff from their favorite pastime, thousands and thousands of New Yorkers will tumble over one another on Carter Handicap day to catch a glimpse of the horses and the besetted jockeys—not to say anything of the mild gentlemen known as the bookmakers. So it comes to pass that annually some 15,000 enthusiasts brave the chill early April "blow" off the nearby Atlantic, in order to lend a hearty welcome to King Thoroughbred returning to his realm.

A Carter Handicap is not without its romance and tragedy. It is only a short way down the vista of the turf to a memory of Captain Carter, the Captain was one of the old school of tur-

men. Ten years ago he lived in a hey-day. With a few horses and a small bankroll, he gathered \$100,000 in a short while, assisted by truly voracious luck. Seven years ago he was endowed with a race at Aqueduct. He gave \$2,000 out of his own purse as added money to the entry fees, declarations, etc., of the owners of the several candidates. The late Thomas Reilly, of the Queens County Jockey Club, called the race the Carter Handicap. Year by year it grew in importance until now it is worth a small fortune—\$10,000. The mighty Roosevelt won it last year, while looking down the list of Carter Handicap winners one may discern names of Ormond's Right, Ethics and the mighty Beldame. Hero is the sentiment interwoven with the Carter Handicap. Two years ago, while the great crowd rushed and crushed to acclaim the winner, a poor old man bent and broken, stood at the rail side least observed in all the great throng. It was Captain Carter. He was on every lip, yet for himself not a passing glance. The years since the fixture had come into being through his devotion to the turf had not treated him kindly. So there he stood, a hump on a sermon on the fickleness and the frailty of the world. Then the tragedy of the Carter Handicap comes into mind. On the day Beldame won, the late "Cacaw" was first met. "Nan" Patterson. The mare brought home a complimentary bet for "Nan" that day. The swirl and the long story with its tender reminiscences have been begun. With the running but a few days off,

it looks as if Trainer Frank Weir may scratch Roosevelt. The big horse has been doing well in his work up at Gravesend, but he is an older horse than he was a year ago, and consequently harder to "edge up" for a race so early in the spring. Then again, Handicapper Vosburgh asks him to

pack no less than 135 pounds. There is nothing certain about it, but if the big sprinter starts he will be favorite, all right, for he is beloved of the average New York racegoer. So far as Washington and Benning are concerned a three-year-old, Horace E., is given a royal chance, despite a bad

race a week ago at Benning. Trainer "Billy" Garth is smiling in confidence whenever he talks of this son of Bancockburn and the Carter Handicap. Last Spring in California, Horace E. raced under "Barney" Schreiber's colors. So impressive was his form that Roy Rainey, the Cleveland millionaire, gave \$25,000 for him. Then, after a dismal race or two about New York in May, he was given up as a two-year-old possibility. When Horace E. was turned over to Garth, the colt was found to be "thrashed" and his hooves being soft and shelly. However, he is in grand condition right now. Under 105 pounds he will fly. Miller will probably ride him in case jockeys, McCarter or J. C. Gore, of the Newmarket Stable, are not started, the "marvellous one" being under contract to this establishment. De Mund will probably scratch from the Carter Handicap, where he is asked to take up 108 pounds—for weight for the three-year-old—and go in the Metropolitan Handicap, at Belmont Park in May. This De Mund may be one of the greatest three-year-olds ever known, and a conqueror of Salver, says his admirers. New Orleans says to look out for Glorifier, a grand horse, who ran six furlongs in 1:12-5 recently. Elsewhere will be found the probable field of starters, together with the engagements for the race so far entered into by the jockeys. The 1907 Carter Handicap is a very open race at best.

PROBABLE FIELD OF THE 1907 CARTER HANDICAP

Run at Aqueduct, L. I., Monday, April 15th

Horse	Age	Wt.	Owner	Jockey	Pr. Odds
Rosebud	3	135	D. Johnson	J. Martin	9-5
Glorifier	3	119	J. H. McCormick	Garner	5-1
Keator	3	111	J. H. McCormick	Lee	5-1
Horace E.	3	105	Paul J. Rainey	Radcliffe	4-1
Surfrage	3	110	J. H. Kene	McDaniel	8-1
Inquisitor	3	115	Newcastle Stable	Miller	12-1
Hallfax	3	118	E. H. Thomas	Mountain	10-1
Juggler	3	110	Charles E. O'Neil	Hennessy	15-1
Oxford	3	122	J. McLaughlin	Hennessy	15-1
Brooklyn Nymph	3	115	H. P. Whitney	Koerner	20-1
Southern Cross	3	106	W. H. Snyder	Endsunder	20-1
Castello	3	108	Columbia Stable	Notter	5-1
Wes	3	104	J. Hamill	Morality	6-1
Malacca	3	99	Frank Nolan	D. Johnson	25-1
Don Diego	3	103	August Belmont	Goldstein	20-1
Ole "Cacaw"	3	99	August Belmont	Goldstein	20-1
Rye	3	102	C. Sullivan	Lee	12-1

If Newcastle Stable's entries are withdrawn, Miller will likely ride Horace E. There are sixty-eight eligibles to the Carter Handicap. The above horses are the most likely to start.

Hilmyar, The bay stallion is half-brother to Tommy Atkins, Trumpet, Maximo, Gomez, Trojan, David L. and

agreed to race in this country again. Mr. Croker is now breeding racers in Ireland, and will, in due time, enter in the Futurity and other stakes run here. His recent nomination of Blakestown in the big handicaps would have been followed by sending that mare to this country to race, but she broke down some weeks ago. Mr. Croker has bred most of his mares this year to the \$25,000 stallion Clonmel, and he will also resume breeding to American, the American stallion which raced here under the name of Rev del Canavese and in England established a great reputation as a sprinter. For a year he has been in Italy. One of his two-year-olds, called Futurity, won a lot of races in 1906 on the English turf.

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TOME'S BIG TRACK MEET FOR SCHOOLBOY TALENT

PORT DEPOSIT, MD., April 6.—Invitations are out for the fifth annual interscholastic field and track meet, to be held at Tome Institute on the second Saturday in May, the 11th, and never have acceptance poured in as they have this year. The meet will be a monster. It has already become the classic interscholastic event of the South, bringing together in competition the cream of the schoolboy athletic talent of Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and this entire section of the country. Responses received to date show that in magnitude it will this year far surpass any of the previous meets, and that every schoolboy athlete who can possibly get there, intends to be on hand, on May 11th. The introduction of novice and junior events, by the Tome management, has proved extremely popular, and will bring many younger athletes. The management is making elaborate preparations for the affair this year. The entire top surface of the beautiful cinder track has been removed and replaced by a fresh top covering of screened cinders and clay loam. A five-ton steam roller has packed this, and the track to-day is in the best shape it has ever been thus early in the season. The general configuration of this track, built, by the way, along

lines suggested by Mike Murphy, Pennsylvania's celebrated trainer, makes it one of the fastest tracks in the country, and it will undoubtedly be faster than ever this year.

The records have been broken once successive year, and it is likely a few will go this year, although the track records have almost reached the point where one cannot expect to see them broken by interscholastic athletes. They are as follows: One-hundred-yard dash, 10 seconds; 200-yard dash, 22-2-5; 400-yard dash, 52-3-5; 800-yard run, 2:06; mile run, 4:34-2-5; high hurdles, 10-3-5; low hurdles, 25-4-5; pole vault, 10 feet 4-1-2 inches; high jump, 5 feet 11 inches; broad jump, 21 feet 1-1-2 inches; shot put, 43 feet 6 inches; hammer throw, 135 feet 10 inches.

Some of the boys who made these records in the past four years have been doing notably in college athletics since, particularly, Robinson at Yale, Bothing at U. of P., Hunter of Central High in the two-mile interscholastic races last year; Dulaney who made the high jump record five years ago, has never had any one approach his distance in the later meets. Kent, who won the low hurdles two years ago, is running in great form in one of the New England Colleges, while Ralph Gamble, Tome's star, did great work for Princeton at the interscholastic last year. Hugh Gamble, his cousin, is the captain of the Tome track team this year, and his team mates expect

him to break his previous records this season.

JOCKEY NICOL TO RIDE IN CARTER HANDICAP

MEMPHIS, TENN., April 6.—Jockey David Nicol, who has had things much his own way in the West for three seasons as the premier jockey, will re-open his Eastern competition this year on opening day at Aqueduct. He has been engaged to ride Burley & O'Neil's Juggler in the Carter Handicap. Nicol has been away from New York since the 1905 turf season, when he was entrusted with the mounts on James H. Keene's Esymby. Nicol was never defeated on Esymby.

SCHUYLKILL REGATTA.

Committee Trying to Get Crews from Princeton and Annapolis. BALTIMORE, MD., April 6.—The stewards of the American Rowing Association are devoting all their energies toward securing the entries of crews from the United States Naval Academy and Princeton University for their fifth annual regatta, which is to be held on the Schuylkill River, Philadelphia, on May 25th. These entries are being sought in the interest of amateur rowing, and there is good reason for the belief that both of these institutions will have strong crews there. One of the rules for the junior college events is that all oars-

men who have never rowed in a varsity race at Poughkeepsis or New London are eligible.

POLO SEASON OPENS. Squadron A to Play the Army at West Point.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The first polo match this season between Squadron A, N. G., New York, and West Point will be played on the parade grounds at West Point on May 25th. The return game will be played later in the season at Van Cortlandt Park. Crops offered for the Camden, S. C., Country Club tournament, April 8-13, are as follows: Individual cups for teams of three, Camden City Cup for team of four. The Camden Country Club cups—Individual, 1200, open to teams of four under the existing handicap, the aggregate not to exceed sixteen goals; no member of the team to exceed five goals.

Transcontinental Riders Appear

Otto Kirk and Joseph Collins, two members of the Century Road Club of America, are making their plans to eclipse the present "across the continent" record of the Century Road Club. Under the tutelage of some of the veterans of the New York Division, the riders are being groomed and trained for the 3,500 mile flight, and arrangements have been made to start on May 26th. In addition to their Century Road Club membership, both men belong to the Theatrical Union, which should prove of value to them, as they will find warm friends in each large city they touch.

Hunt Fixtures.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ORANGE, VA., April 6.—The Tomahawk hunt will meet during the of April 1907, as follows: Saturday, 13th, Orange, 8:30 P. M. Wednesday, 17th, Orange, 8:30 P. M. Friday, 26th, Orange, 8:30 P. M. Wallace Sanford, Master.

THE OLD FIGHTERS ARE DROPPING OUT

The New Crop of Fistic Heroes Are Crowding Old Boys to the Wall.

FITZ TO START SANITARIUM

Literary Jack O'Brien Will Leave the Ring for a Year After Meeting Burns.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Such as they are, the new crop of fighters is slowly pushing the Old Guard to the wall. The few opportunities that do open these days are usurped by men who had never been heard of a few years ago, and, willingly or unwillingly, the veterans of the square circle are giving way to competition. Fitzsimmons is the latest to concede that he is passe, as pugilism goes nowadays, and Jack O'Brien will quit the game for a year at least, he says, after he fills his engagement to meet Burns at Los Angeles. Fitz has been as good as in retirement for the last two years, but fight followers have not given up hope that he would once more climb inside the ropes, stripped for action, and ever and anon a rumor has risen that he was coming back and would take on some one of the new men in the ring, simply to show that he was far from being down and out.

These reports have been contradicted every time, but they bob up in a new place, and the wearisome round of contradiction has to be gone through with again. This time, though, it would appear to be a final decision against Fitz, for from a ring standpoint the old fighter has faded, and his wife has clinched the matter by opposing any scheme for re-entering the ring, even if it was to meet Tommy Burns. Therefore, the only thing left for Bob to do in the line of the strenuous life is to bring to a head his favorite plan for starting a physical culture retreat at Dunellen, N. J.

This will mark the end of a ring career which was begun in 1880 in Timara, New Zealand, and which has been punctuated by bouts with Jim Corbett, Tom Sharkey, Gus Ruhlin, Peter Maher, Jim Jeffries and a host of lesser lights. The Cornishman's last fight, of any importance, was at San Francisco in 1905, when Philadelphia Jack O'Brien knocked him out in thirteen rounds, and since then Fitz has been awing the theatre-going public by knocking out a dyed-in-the-wool villain at this morning's evening performance in "The Village Blacksmith" and other pastoral melodramas.

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